

HOUSE BILL 326
By Newton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,
Chapter 6.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section thereto:

63-6-238.

(a) Any health care who, in good faith and without compensation, works in a medical clinic providing free health care to persons shall not be liable to such patients receiving care for any civil damages as a result of any act or omission by such health care provider in rendering the medical care, or as a result of any act or failure to act to provide or arrange for further medical treatment or care for the patient, except such damages as may result from the gross negligence of the health care provider rendering such care.

(b) As used in this section, "health care provider" means any physician, surgeon, dentist, nurse, optometrist, or other practitioner of a health care discipline, the professional practice of which requires licensure or certification under the provisions of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.